

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I don't understand how it is legal to show a 2 hour one-sided program right before an election. Will Sinclair stations be showing a anti-Bush piece as well? As soon as the owners of major media start playing partisan politics, we lose the public good that major media has hoped to serve.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.